

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2625**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Satoshi EGAWA et al. Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/725,419 Examiner: M. RILEY
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For: IMAGE FORMING DEVICE AND METHOD

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER
FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents
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In reply to the March 3, 2010 Office Action and the May 5, 2010 personal interview with Examiner Riley, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-39 are pending in this application.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Riley in the May 5, 2010 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. Claim Rejection

The Office Action rejects claims 1-39 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Kurozasa (U.S. Patent No. 6,614,546) in view of Nakajima (U.S. Patent No. 7,305,620). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.